



## FORESTRY CONTEST

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### JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER



### FINAL RESULTS

Contestants, congratulations on your fantastic job of preparing for the 2015 Idaho State Forestry Contest - your scholarship and skill levels were quite high this year! Just as important to your future success in life, you showed great appreciation and respect for the volunteers who ran the contest. Thank you for your courtesies!

Here are the final results of the contest:

**Senior Division:** **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1** won top honors with 1803 points. **Post Falls High School Team 2** came in second with 1750 points, and **Post Falls HS Team 1** was third with 1511 points.

**Junior Division:** **Troy FFA Team 1** took first place with 1101 points, **Genesee FFA Team 2** was second with 1063 points, and **Deary FFA Team 1** came in a close third with 1032 points.

**Senior Individuals:** **Joseph Spencer** of Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H won the David Ritz Award for top score with 509 points. As you may know, a scoring error was discovered right after the contest results were announced. Once the error was corrected, **Daniel Spencer**, also of Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H, was found to be in second place with 490 points. The Contest Steering Committee presented second place award to Daniel. Prizes originally awarded at the post-contest ceremony will not be changed, however, so **Chris Herndon** of Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H retains his second place award with 456 points, and **Tanner Short** of Post Falls HS remains in third place with 453 points.

**Junior Individuals:** **Erik Hicks** of Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H won the Larry Fryberg Award with 364 points, **Katy Doumit** of Troy FFA Team 1 won second place with 334 points, and **Eli Frazier** of Deary HS FFA Team 1 won third with 322 points.

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### THANK YOU DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!

Putting on the Idaho State Forestry Contest is a huge undertaking. The contest steering committee gratefully acknowledges all the people and organizations who served as the backbone of the contest in 2015. **More than 165 volunteers from 32 organizations** helped set up courses, register teams, chaperone contestants, run contest stations, score the tests, prepare a BBQ lunch for 700, and clean up the whole thing afterward. Numerous other organizations and people donated funds, goods, or services.

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## IN MEMORIAM

The 2015 Forestry Contest was dedicated to longtime supporter Ruth McDivitt, who passed away this spring. Ruth felt strongly that the contest embraced the passion her son, David Ritz, had for forestry and the outdoors. Although she never knew any contestants or volunteers personally and never attended the contest, she made a significant donation to it every year. In her honor, Ruth's family has pledged to continue with her tradition of helping students learn about forests, forestry and resource management. Please remember Ruth and her family with gratitude for their ongoing support of the Idaho State Forestry Contest. ♠



### (RESULTS continued)

A data entry error in the Rookie contest made it appear that Noah Clark of Forrest Bird Charter School Team 5 had won first place. When his (impossibly high) score was combined with his teammates, they appeared to have won the

contest. However, once the entry was corrected, **Forrest Bird Charter Team 1** had actually won the Rookie Contest with 392 points, **Sagle Elementary 6th Team 2** was second with 388, and **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H** were third at 376.

**Rookies**, you were awesome this year! **Jett Lucas** of Farmin Elementary Team 2 came away with the trophy as the top Rookie Individual with 120 points. Three levels of tiebreakers were needed to determine the second and third place winners out of five contestants with scores of 112 (see the Forestry Contest manual). **Alyssa Colegrove**, Forrest Bird Charter Team 1, was found to be in second place with a perfect score of 40 points in Tree ID, 32 in Scaling and 24 in Cruising. **Wyatt Iacolucci**, FBC Team 5, won third place with 40 in Tree ID, 32 in Scaling, and 16 in Cruising. **Braden Kappen**, Sagle 6th Team 6, came in fourth with 32-40-24, **Ronnie DeBusk**, Sagle 6th Team 2, was fifth with 32-40-16, and **Jordon Cassidy**, Sagle 6th Team 7, was sixth with 32-16-24. **Mike Riley**, Sagle 6th Team 2, was only 4 points behind these tied contestants with 108 points, and 9 students earned 104 points each. **WOW!** ♠

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### Organizations Contributing 10 or more Volunteers

Idaho Department of Lands (60 volunteers)  
USDA Forest Service, Idaho Panhandle National Forest (17 volunteers)  
Idaho Master Forest Steward Program (17 volunteers)  
Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H (14 volunteers)  
Natural Resource Conservation Service (9 volunteers)  
4 Soil Conservation agencies (combined total 10 volunteers) ♠

## PARTICIPANT SCHOOLS & GROUPS

### JUNIOR & SENIOR CONTESTANTS\*

Bonniers Ferry High School FFA  
Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H  
Coeur d'Alene High School  
Deary High School FFA  
Highland-Craigmont  
Lakeland High School  
Meridian High School  
Post Falls High School  
Priest River Lamanna High School  
Sandpoint High School  
Timberline High School  
Troy FFA

### ROOKIE CONTESTANTS

Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H  
Farmin Elementary School  
Forrest Bird Charter School  
Sagle Elementary 6th Grade

### NOVICE PARTICIPANTS

Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H  
Farmin Elementary School  
Genesis Preparatory School  
Sagle Elementary 3rd Grade  
Sagle Elementary 5th Grade  
Selle Valley Carden School

\*St. Regis HS FFA, Montana, participated as non-competitive visitors ♠

## PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR

**COACHES:** Here are three hints to help you prepare your students to do their best next year at the 2016 Idaho State Forestry Contest:

**\* DOWNLOAD THE 2015 REVISED FORESTRY CONTEST MANUAL IN THE FALL, BEFORE ANYONE STARTS STUDYING FOR THE CONTEST!**

[www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest](http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest) OR [www.bonnerswcd.org](http://www.bonnerswcd.org)

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**\* FORESTRY PROFESSIONALS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR TO HELP YOUR STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE FORESTRY CONTEST.** It's free - just contact **Tom Johnson** at Idaho Dept. of Lands, 208-263-5104 or [tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov) to arrange for a local Idaho Dept. of Lands forester, Idaho Master Forest Steward, or Idaho Forest Owner to visit your class and help your students learn and practice their hands-on forestry skills and knowledge. ♠

♠ **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE - SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!** ♠